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NEW GOLEEN DATES
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 HEADQUARTERS FOR GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Dell B. Scully, Notary Public, at
 Scully's Cigar Store. Any old hour!

Orkwitz covers umbrellas and makes
 them as good as new. 11-7-12

The very best beard to be obtained in
 the city is at "The Occident Hotel."
 Rates very reasonable.

Columbia and Victor Graphophones
 and all the latest records at Chicago
 prices, for sale by A. R. Cyrus, 424
 Commercial St.

How Do I look.—To really see your-
 self as others see you, get one of those
 new style mirrors at Hart's Drug Store;
 all prices. A new supply just received.

I am positively going to retire from
 business and must sell out as soon
 as possible and from now on will give
 you still greater bargains at C. H.
 Cooper's great retiring sale.

Tonight.—In the reading room at the
 First M. E. church between Eleventh
 and Twelfth streets, the Epworth
 League will entertain its members and
 friends with an apple social. Admis-
 sion free. Good music, and a good
 time.

Comforts of a Home.—Whoever is
 looking for these in the shape of pleas-
 ant, cozy rooms, well lighted, and
 steam-heated, convenient, can find
 them at the Hotel Irving. Telephone
 Main 591. Franklin and Eleventh
 streets.

Commercial Saloon.—This popular
 place, situated at 509 Commercial street,
 is up-to-date in every particular. The
 choicest of wines and all kinds of li-
 quors can be procured here. Best qual-
 ity cigars. Billiard table in connection.
 If you can't come in person, call up
 Phone 1231 Main.

Do You feel sleepy and not a bit
 like working in the afternoon? Per-
 haps it's because of the kind of lunch
 you're eating—too heavy an dtow hard
 to digest. Why not try the Palace
 restaurant on Commercial street, where
 all the baking is done in those famous
 slow-process ovens, which turn out light
 appetizing, wholesome things? You'll
 save money, too.

Just Received.—A large shipment of
 the very latest Columbia and Victor
 records. A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commer-
 cial St. 12-12-21

Ladies.—Embroidery Club, no charge
 for joining. Lessons free. See sample
 Christmas gifts, fancy underwear to
 order, shirt waists, fancy aprons, pil-
 low tops, etc., in eyelet and shadow
 work. Stamping. M. M. Keefer, Meg-
 ler House. 12-9-01

Will Issue Proclamation.—Mayor
 Wise is busy preparing a proclamation
 in accordance with the initiative and
 referendum law, declaring all the
 amendments adopted at the city elec-
 tion Wednesday, as a part of the or-
 ganic law of the city, and that they
 will take effect and be in full force
 after January first.

Council Meeting.—A regular session
 of the common council will be held
 next Monday night, at which time
 several street matters will come up for
 final action. The report of the board
 of canvassers of the recent election
 will be reported and the candidates
 declared elected. Bids will also be re-
 ported for the improvement of one or
 two streets.

Amendments.—All the amendments
 adopted by a vote of the people at
 the election Wednesday, will go into
 effect on January 1, with the excep-
 tion of the one providing for the elec-
 tion of the water commission. This
 amendment provides that the first
 election shall occur in December, 1908,
 consequently the present board of
 commissioners will hold until that
 time. In the mean time, it is prob-
 able that an initiative petition will be
 presented to the voters at the next city
 election, repealing this amendment.

FOR HOLIDAY CANDIES

Koefler's
 Phone Main 1321.

Bad Roads.—David Tweedle of Jew-
 ell was in the city yesterday, and re-
 ports the roads on the Nehalem road
 in an almost impassable condition. It
 required him two days to make the
 trip to Astoria, with about 1,000
 pounds of hogs. He disposed of the
 hogs to private families for nine cents
 per pound. He states that there are
 two bad places in the roads which
 would not cost to exceed \$300 to re-
 pair, one of them being between Lam-
 bert's and Bunker's place. Several bad
 places in the roads could be put in
 good condition for travel by using
 puncheon. There are a large number
 of farmers in the Nehalem valley
 anxious to bring veal, pork and beef
 to Astoria, and carry out their win-
 ter supply of provisions, but are pre-
 vented from doing so on account of
 the condition of the roads. Very few
 of the Nehalem farmers will come to
 Astoria this month, as in their usual
 custom, but will ship supplies down
 the Nehalem river from Mist.

Street Improvements.—A member of
 the street committee stated yesterday
 that now that the charter amendment
 repealing the 75 per cent assessment
 clause of the city charter had been
 amended so that property could be as-
 sessed at 1st full value, the committee
 intended to commence immediate work
 of making preparations for the im-
 provement of a large number of
 streets in the city next year. The
 preliminaries will all be perfected this
 winter and everything in readiness to
 award the contracts, so that work can
 be commenced early in the spring.
 The amendment to the charter will
 enable the common council to make
 a number of important improvements
 in the residence district, including the
 building of Jerome and Irving ave-
 nue from the western limits of the
 city to the Adair line, opening up a
 large amount of available and slightly
 residence lots, where a number of
 people are anxious to build.

Mass Meeting.—There was consider-
 able talk on the streets yesterday
 of holding a mass meeting to protest
 against the adoption of several amend-
 ments at the city election. Those in-
 terested in the movement are among
 those who failed to either vote or reg-
 ister. The time for taking action on
 those matters was on election day.
 The object of the meeting, as stated
 by one of the promoters, is to have
 the amendments rescinded by the leg-
 islature. As the legislature has ab-
 solutely no control over the city char-
 ter, under the provisions of an amend-
 ment to the state constitution adopted
 at the election last June, it seems
 very probable that all of them will be-
 come a law, and the petitioners will
 have to wonder how it hap-
 pened.

Equalized Assessments.—The city
 board of equalization met yesterday
 afternoon at the council chambers for
 the purpose of equalizing the assess-
 ments for the improvement of Ken-
 sington avenue from Eighth to Eleventh;
 Grand avenue from Seventh to
 Eleventh; Niagara avenue from Sev-
 enth to Eighth, and the crossing at
 the intersection of Bond and Sixth
 streets. None of the property own-
 ers interested appearing or filing any
 objections to the assessment, the same
 was made in accordance with the or-
 dinances and will be submitted to the
 common council Monday night for con-
 firmation.

Surveyors.—The Northern Pacific
 surveyors have completed the survey
 of the road as far as the new town
 of St. James and yesterday moved
 their camp from Brookfield to Knapp-
 ton. Today they will commence run-
 ning a line by the most feasible route
 to South Bend. One of the survey-
 ors was in Astoria yesterday, and al-
 though reticent relative to the survey,
 stated that there was no doubt the
 company intended building a railroad
 down the north bank of the Columbia,
 to Ilwaco, and South Bend, and that
 work of construction would commence
 early in the spring.

Dolph R. Sanders.—Dolph R. San-
 ders, for many years employed as a
 barber in the Ellsworth and lately the
 King, barber shop, on Commercial
 street, died early yesterday morning
 from consumption. He was a member
 of the Knights of Pythias and Eagles
 of this city, under whose auspices the
 funeral will be held today. After the
 funeral the body will be shipped to
 McMinville, his former home, for in-
 terment.

Another Bidder.—Fred Erixon, one of
 the best known and most successful
 contractors and builders in the Wil-
 lamette Valley, and whose home is at
 the Capital City, was in Astoria yes-
 terday, scanning the plans and speci-
 fications for the new Clatsop court
 house. Mr. Erixon was the builder of
 some of the finest of the Lewis & Clark
 Exposition buildings.

CLOTHES BOUGHT AT WISE'S PRESSED FREE OF CHARGE AS
 OFTEN AS YOU LIKE

One Piano Number Free With Each \$5 Sale at Wise's

What Do You Want?

PETER wants a NECKTIE AND SOX WISE HAS 'EM!	MARY wants an INITIAL HANDKERCHIEF WISE HAS 'EM!
JIM wants a warm SUIT OF UNDERWEAR WISE HAS 'EM!	FRANCES wants a fine LADIES' UMBRELLA WISE HAS 'EM!
FRANK wants a new OVERCOAT and HAT WISE HAS 'EM!	MILDRED want a SUIT CASE WISE HAS 'EM!
CHARLIE wants a NEW SUIT OF CLOTHES WISE HAS 'EM!	ANNIE wants a TRUNK WISE HAS 'EM!
WILL wants a new pair of Gloves and Initial Handkerchiefs, WISE HAS 'EM!	FLO wants a nice SILK MUFFLER WISE HAS 'EM!
JACK wants a SUIT CASE WISE HAS 'EM!	ALL want a MERRY CHRISTMAS WISE WISHES IT TO ALL!

HERMAN WISE

BEHIND EACH ARTICLE SOLD IN HIS STORE

PERSONAL MENTION.

David Tweedle, a prominent farmer
 of Jewell, was in the city yesterday
 and will leave for home this morn-
 ing.

Marcus Hansen, a prominent trapper
 of Chinook, was in the city yesterday.
 Mrs. Lutchinger of Brookfield vis-
 ited friends in Astoria yesterday.

Claud Medley of Jewell is in the
 city and will leave out for home this
 morning.

Fred A. Erixon of Salem was among
 the arrivals in the city yesterday.

W. W. Powers of Portland was a
 passenger down on the noon train
 yesterday.

H. A. Kelly, superintendent of the
 Northern Pacific surveyors on the
 north side, was in the city yesterday.
 B. J. Callahan and son of Seaside,
 were visitors in the city yesterday.

Captain Larsen and wife of Alto-
 na were in the city yesterday doing
 some Christmas shopping.

Dr. Peacock of Cathlamet was in
 the city yesterday, returning on the
 afternoon boat.

Mrs. Captain Haslam of Cathlamet
 was a visitor in the city yesterday.

George Simpson, a prominent far-
 mer of Jewell, was in the city yes-
 terday.

J. H. Smith of Elsie, was a visitor
 in the city yesterday.

L. W. Sommers of New York was a
 passenger down on the noon train yes-
 terday.

O. M. Jacobson, a prominent farmer
 of Elsie, is in the city doing some
 Christmas shopping.

B. C. Driver of Chicago was among
 the arrivals in the city yesterday.

S. L. Jones, the well known candy
 drummer from San Francisco, was a
 business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

"100 to 1 Shot"—The Waldorf is pre-
 senting this week another of its fa-
 mous and interesting kinnetoscope
 films, in which a splendid story of
 pluck and prowess is told very vivid-
 ly and with, of course, perfect real-
 ism. The long and brilliant string of
 pictures tells the story of an old cou-
 ple in an Eastern city, over-borne by
 poverty, on the verge of being cast
 from their humble home by a heartless
 landlord and his minions; the humble
 sacrifice of the aged mother in offering
 her old and worn bridal jewels in
 abatement of the indignity; the young
 son's swift solution of the predicament
 by taking the jewels to the pawn-
 shop, gathering a few dollars upon
 them and then hazzarding these at the
 races on a "100 to 1" shot, and win-
 ning. His return to the stricken home;
 the payment of the old debt; the pur-
 chase of the whole house and premises
 and his "free-for-all" deal with the
 minions of the police and the landlord.
 It is one of the best presentations
 made in this city in many a day.

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Men's, Women's and
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Such as will surely please the most
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We decline to maintain large profits
 and keep our prices down to the
 level of all pocketbooks. It will pay
 you to buy footwear here.

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DONE BY DEED
 J. H. Saarinen to Andrew Asp,
 und. 1/4 int. in lot 2, block 66,
 McClure's Astoria \$ 10
 Emily M. Cashel to G. A. Cashel,
 sectional lands in Clatsop Co. 5

In Probate Court.—Judge Trenchard
 made an order in probate court yes-
 terday, fixing Monday, January 14, as
 the day for hearing and passing upon
 the final account of Mary Kelly, ad-
 ministratrix of the estate of Timothy
 Kelly, deceased.

Insane, and Shooting.—The sheriff's
 office was apprised yesterday noon of
 the fact that a woman at Hammond,
 by name Greta Karvoneu, had become
 mentally unbalanced and was shoot-

ing up the town, from the entrench-
 ment of her own barricaded home. No
 one was struck by the demented wo-
 man's bullets, however. Sheriff Pom-
 eroy and Deputy Archie McLean went
 down on the noon train, secured the
 unfortunate woman and brought her
 to this city, placing her in jail un-
 til an official examination today makes
 her incarceration at Salem possible.

Case Dismissed.—The reserved de-
 cision of Justice Goodman, in the case
 of the state versus Lum Quin, charged
 with larceny by bailies, with a woman
 of the town as complaining witness,
 and which was tried in his court on
 Tuesday last, was rendered today
 in the formal dismissal of the case,
 for the want of sufficient testimony
 upon which to hold Lum to the grand
 jury.

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 look bright. We have

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 Musical Instruments,
 Leather Goods,
 Albums,
 Books,
 Toilet Sets,
 Toys,
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 It is seriously recognized by music lovers as a musical instrument of
 great merit, reproducing all the beautiful quality of the original.

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